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SUMMARY. PRIMIN HEGAZY SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AND THAT OF HIS  
CABINET APRIL 13. SADAT IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE NEW PRIMIN DURING  
SPEECH EVENING OF APRIL 14. MININT SALIM IS BELIEVED TO BE HIS  
CHOICE. IF SO, EGYPTIANS WILL INTERPRET CHOICE OF PROFESSIONAL  
POLICEMAN AS PUBLIC DECLARATION THAT FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC INSTIGATORS  
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OF VIOLENCE WILL BE TREATED WITH UTMOST FIRMNESS. ANNOUNCEMENT OF

NEW CABINET NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16. FAHMY AND GAMASY ARE REPORTEDLY TO BE PROMOTED TO DEP PRIMIN LEVEL.  
END SUMMARY.

1. PRIMIN HEGAZY SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AND THAT OF HIS CABINET TO PRESIDENT SADAT APRIL 13. CAIRO PRESS HAS SUBSEQUENTLY HINTED BROADLY THAT DEPPM AND MININT MAMDUH SALIM WILL BE APPOINTED TO TAKE HIS PLACE. PRESIDENT SADAT WILL ADDRESS PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY APRIL 14 AT 1700Z TO DISCUSS "INTERNAL ACTION PLAN" WHICH HAS BEEN DRAFTED BY TOP LEVEL GOE OFFICIALS DURING PAST WEEK. IT IS EXPECTED HE WILL ANNOUNCE NEW PRIME MINISTER DURING SPEECH; ANNOUNCEMENT OF CABINET IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16.

2. REPORTS HAVE IT THAT SADAT AND SALIM ARE STILL CONSULTING ON POSSIBLE APPOINTMENTS. PRESS INDICATES TWELVE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO LOSE THEIR POSTS AND THAT THREE OR FOUR SUPER MINISTRIES WILL BE FORMED, EACH UNDER DEP PRIMIN. OUR BEST INFORMATION TO DATE INDICATES THESE SUPER MINISTRIES WILL BE:

A. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, HEADED BY FAHMY; SAMIH ANWAR TO STAY ON AS MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AMBASSADOR TO UN ABD AL-MEGUID TO RETURN TO OLD POST AS MININFO.

B. WAR AND WAR PRODUCTION, HEADED BY GAMASY.

C. HOUSING, RECONSTRUCTION, AND COMMUNICATIONS HEADED BY OSMAN.

D. RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, HEADED BY HAFIZ BADAWI.

PRESS REPORTS THAT PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED AS PARLIAMENTARY UNDERSECRETARIES FOR AT LEAST THREE OF ABOVE SUPER MINISTRIES.

3. WE UNDERSTAND PRESENT MININFO ABU AL-MAGD HAS BEEN OFFERED SENIOR POSITION IN ASU OR MINHIGHER EDUCATION. HE IS REPORTEDLY LIKELY TO ACCEPT POSITION IN ASU, PERHAPS EVEN REPLACING HAFIZ GHANIM, AS SUPERVISOR OF SWEEPING REFORMS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF 1975.

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RM MOST INTRIGUING SIGNAL SO FAR WAS HEAVY PHOTO COVERAGE APRIL 13 OF SADAT'S MEETING WITH AIR FORCE CHIEF MUBARAK. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HEARD NO GOOD EXPLANATION FOR SUDDEN PRESS PROMINENCE OF MUBARAK, NEITHER HAVE WE HEARD HINT THAT EITHER GAMASI OR COS FAHMY WILL BE REPLACED. GAMASI, IN FACT, IS PROBABLY TO BE PROMOTED TO DEP PRIMIN.

5. FORMER MINISTRY OF ECONOMY UNDERSECRETARY SHARIF LUTFI IS

BELIVED TO BE IN RUNNING FOR A SENIOR POST. LOCAL FINANCIAL CIRCLES EXPECT HE WILL BE APPOINTED EITHER MINFIN OR MIN ECONOMY.

6. COMMENT: THE EXPECTED APPOINTMENT OF MAMDUH SALIM IS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE COMMENT, MOSTLY ADVERSE. SALIM HIMSELF IS RESPECTED AND, FOR A POLICEMAN, UNUSUALLY WELL LIKED. THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL POLICEMAN, HOWEVER, WILL OBVIOUSLY BE INTERPRETED AS A RATHER HEAVY-HANDED SIGNAL THAT GOE INTENDS TO CLAMP DOWN HARD ON VIOLENCE AND SUBVERSION. WHILE ESTABLISHMENT FIGURES WILL FND THIS APPEALING, NASSERIST AND MARXIST GROUPS ( PARTICULARLY STUDENTS), WHO HAVE BORN THE BRUNT OF GOE DISCIPLINE SINCE JAN 1 RIOTS, CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXHIBIT IRRITATION.

7. WE KNOW THAT GOE'S CONCERN ABOUT OUTSIDE PROVOCATION IS ACUTE AND WAS UNDOUBTEDLY AGGRAVATED BY QADHAAFI'S RECENT REMARK ABOUT USE OF LARG FUNDS IN EGYPT. QADHAAFI'S VIRTUAL ADMISSION OF LIBYA'S SUBVERSIVE INTENTIONS, COMPILED WITH CONTINUING MEDIA ATTACKS ON SADAT, MAY HAVE TRIGGERED DECISION TO PROMOTE SALIM. DANGER TO REGIME FROM FOREIGN PROVOCATEURS RECRUITING EGYPTIAN RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISTS REMAINS. PUBLIC TRIAL OF 92 RIGHT WING MOSLEMS IN MILITARY TECHNICAL COLLEGE CASE STILL GOES ON, PROVIDING VISIBLE EXAMPLE OF MINIT'S CHIEF WORRY, VIZ. VULNERABILITY OF CONSERVATIVE EGYPTIAN SOCIETY TO CHARGES BY RELIGIOUS LEADERS (OR LEFTISTS MASCARADING AS DEVOUT) THAT SADAT AND HIS POLICY ARE "ATHEISTIC". MAESTRONE

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